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SUBJ: CCMS: AIR POLLUTION - LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (LPPSD) - TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR LPPSD CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 1973

REF: A. STATE 124333; B. STATE 94097; C. MAY 2, 1973

LETTER FROM JONES (EPA) TO SHIMO (MITI)

SUMMARY: GOJ HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH TENTATIVE AGENDA. GOJ DOES NOT CONSIDER PRELIMINARY MEETING NECESSARY. WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION OF RECIPROCITY IN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION SHOULD US AND JAPAN SIGN BILATERAL MOU AND ANNEX. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER LPPSD CONFERENCE WITH SHIMO, MITI, ON JULY27. EMBASSY HAD PASSED AGENDA TO SHIMO ON JUNE 28 FOR CONSIDERATION. SHIMO STATED THAT GOJ HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH AGENDA AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED. HE SAID THAT, AS IN PAST, JAPANESE INDUSTRY REPS WOULD ATTEND AND WOULD MAKE JAPANESE PRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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SENATION. ATTENDANCE OF GOJ REP AT OCTOBER CONFERENCE

NOT YET DECIDED AND WILL DEPEND ON STATE OF PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS OF BILATERAL US-JAPAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING KMOU) AND ANNEX.

- 2. WITH RESPECT TO NEED FOR MEETING IN EUROPE LATE JULY TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS FOR OCTOBER MEETING, SHIMO STATED THAT GOJ DID NOT CONSIDER MEETING NECESSARY AND MOST PROBABLY WOULD NOT ATTEND SUCH MEETING IF HELD. HE REQUESTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF ANY PRELIMINARY MEETING.
- 3. SHIMO POINTED OUT THAT GOJ HAS NOT SIGNED QTE NATO UNQTE MOU. HE AGAIN STATED GOJ POSITION THAT, SINCE GOJ NOT A MEMBER OF NATO, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT SIGN EXISTING MOU. SHIMO STATED MEETING HELD LAST WEEK AMONG REPS OF MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, JAPAN ENVIRONMEENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND FOREIGN OFICE TO CONSIDER PROBLEM.

 MEETING AGREED THAT JAPAN AND US SHOULD PROCEED SIGN BILATERAL MOU SIMILAR TO NATO MOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 4. IN CONSIDERING BILATERAL MOU, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE ANNEX SIMILAR TO THAT NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR EXISTING MOU, GOJ CONCERNED OVER RECIPROCITY ISSUE. SPECIFICALLY, ANNEX ARTICLE II (B) PROVIDES THAT ANY INFORMATION US MIGHT RECEIVE FROM JAPAN UNDER A BILATERAL MOU WOULD BE PROVIDED EUROPEAN SIGNATORIES TO EXSITING MOU. GOJ WOULD LIKE ASSURANCE THAT SHOULD IT ENTER INTO BILATERAL MOU AND ANNEX WITH US, INFORMATION WHICH US RECEIVES FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO JAPANM CONCERN IS THAT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MIGHT NOT AGREE TO SUCH A PROCEDURE. SHIMO ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT.

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